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1. Reference: RIR No. 415, 19 July 1946.

2. Subject returned to Berlin on 16 October from a two week trip which included stop-overs at Helmstedt, Ilsenburg (Harz), Wernigerode, Risleben and Plauen, all towns near the borders of the British and the American Zones. He used an Ausweis (Identification Paper) supplied from the Russian central Kommandatura describing him as a vegetable buyer. The purpose of his trip, as he explained to Source, was to contact people who had come back illegally from the American and British Zones into the Russian Zone. His task was to find out how they had returned, what crossing points they had used, why they had come, and what the general temper of life in the western areas was like. He supplied a report on his findings to Major CHERNIKOFF. (Reference: RIR No. 387 of 8 Jul 46.)

3. On his meeting with CHERNIKOFF (in the absence of SKURIN) on the 17th, the future career of Subject was discussed. Although the original plan had been to reinstate Subject in TASS, it was admitted that was now impossible. CHERNIKOFF therefore proposed that Subject open an office, a "Wirtschaftliche Anstalts", to supply economic information to German firms. For this undertaking the Russians would supply an office, furnishings, RM 15000 in money, as well as the personnel to staff the office. The question of which sector of Berlin the new office should be located in was left open. Subject was requested to give CHERNIKOFF a report by 22 October on proposals of how he would go about the job, what salary he would require, etc.

COMMENT:

Subject and Source are both regularly contacted by Captain SKURIN (See RIR No. 524 of 18 September) who is now on TDY for 2 weeks at SMA, Karlshorst; in his absence Major CHERNIKOFF is handling both.

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